



MINUTES

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 6, 2006
6:00 p.m.
Memorial Park Senior Center
1800 Byron Street

Members Present

Eileen Karlsruher, Chairman
Kelly Duke
Matthew Carroll
Jose L. Gutierrez
Alice Davis
Henry Stokes
Alma Wilson
Daniel Delahaye
Robert Gonzales
Joel F. Barrios
Hector Munoz
Walt Phillips
Carl Pataky

Members Absent

Gail Caldwell
Mary Lyerly
Cherlyn Dorsey
Mitch Doblado
Olga Holguin
Yolanda Cordova

Staff Present

Dr. Norman C. Merrifield
Lucy Martinez
Joe Rodriguez
Pete Dunavant
Douglas Barnes

Others Present:

Josette Flores, Assist.
City Attorney
Juan Contreras, P+3

Late Arrivals/Early Departures: Carl Pataky arrived at 6:45 p.m.

1. **Meeting called to order** by Chairman, Eileen Karlsruher at 6:15 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** Henry Stokes made a motion to approve the Minutes for May 2, 2006, Kelly Duke seconds the motion; all in favor; motion past unanimously.
3. **Petitions and Communications from the Public:**
 - a) Two new Park Board members welcomed: Joel F. Barrios, District 3 and Hector Munoz, District 6
 - b) Park's Advisory Board all agreed next meeting will be held July 11, 2006 due to the 4th of July Holiday
 - c) Walt Phillips, Park's Advisory Board member invites the board to his wedding, June 17, 2006, 7:00 p.m. at the Skyline Youth Park gym.
 - d) Joe Rodriguez, Recreation Service Manager for the Park's Department invited the Board and Public to Healthy Hearts & Parks Fun Walk, Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. at Eastwood Park. Also, everyone was invited to a recreation luncheon for "Dia De Los Ninos", Thursday, June 8th at the Clardy Fox Library.
4. **Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements:**
 - a) Dr. Merrifield stated that the Sun Bowl Tournament was a great success with 175 teams and 354 games in one-weekend at 4 ballparks. The event was very well attended.
 - b) Dr. Merrifield stated that two police officers were recognized internally for work done at Memorial Park. Dr. Merrifield suggested the officers be brought before the Parks Advisory Board to recognize their work.
 - c) Dr. Merrifield stated that the Park's staff is working on 2006-07 budget. New facilities include N.E. Sports Complex, Westside Community Center/Park, with approximately 100 to 150 new acres of parkland. Working with City officials, Parks Department is trying to bring in between \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. Dr. Merrifield anticipates between 6 to 12 new parks next year.

- d) Walt Phillips invites everyone to the Rose Garden with the changes done; on Sunday, June 11, 2006, Representative Susie Byrd of District 1 will show a movie on the Rose Garden at the Pavilion from 7-11 a.m.
5. Eileen Karlsruher has requested item #6 and #7 be moved up. **Henry Stokes motions to have items #6 and #7 moved up; Kelly Duke seconds the motion; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**
6. **Discussion and Action on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of Park Naming Policy and Program:** Eileen Karlsruher stated that the Park Naming Subcommittee meeting was held before the Park's Advisory Board meeting and Henry Stokes, Chairman of the Subcommittee would comment. Mr. Stokes stated that the Park Naming Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept the Memorandum of Understanding because the committee felt it met the criteria needed for full agreement between the Foundation and the City. **Alice Davis motions to accept the Park Naming Subcommittee's recommendation for approving the Memorandum of Understanding of Park Naming Policy; Joel Barrios seconds the motion; all in favor; motion past unanimously.**
7. **Discussion and Action on Revisions to the current Park Naming Policy:** Henry Stokes stated that the Park Naming Subcommittee came to the understanding that there were some items they discovered that needed to be investigated and brought back to the committee to make a final decision as to the direction to proceed. At the present the Policy revisions has been tabled until the Attorney and the Park's Director resolve questions made. As per Assistant City Attorney, Josette Flores, until the Park's Naming Policy has been reviewed and approved the MOU will not be presented to City Council. **No Action Taken At This Time.**
8. **Discussion and Possible Action Jesse Torres of Cornerpocket Entertainment requests the Board's support in his efforts on Youth Support Programs being brought to El Paso:** Mr. Torres stated that Cornerpocket Entertainment is sponsoring a festival at Veteran's Park on June 10, 2006 from 4-10 pm with free entertainment and food to generate interest in Midnight Basketball at Veteran's Park. Mr. Torres would like the Park's Department help in use of facility and would like information as to what steps to take for Midnight Basketball. Dr. Merrifield encourages Mr. Torres to make an appointment to speak to both Joe Rodriguez, Recreation Services Manager at the Park's Department and Wayne Thornton, Special Promotions Coordinator for the Park's Department. As per Dr. Merrifield, unless there is private money or funding it will be very hard to start new programs. Also, staffing capacity is an issue. It is possible but it must be planned. Mr. Torres stated that the event is to start generating interest. **No Action Taken.**
9. **Information and Discussion: Status Report of QOL Projects being Managed by P+3:** Juan Contreras, Project Manager for P+3 stated that there is 1 more year for the P+3 contracts. No progress to report on Fort Bliss, last two parks under design, Westside Sports Complex and Pavo Real Pool renovations are both final drawings have been completed and are currently under review by Park's Department and are preparing the purchasing documents. In the Bid Phase is Park Package #6, 22 parks, bid packages are in purchasing with no bid date as of yet. Sherman and Pecan Grove Park bids have been received and are very favorable and are under review. These Parks will be built with all the alternates.
10. **Discussion and Information on AAU Grade Exemption Rule Outcome by the Sports Grievance Subcommittee:** Alma Wilson, Chairperson for the Sports Grievance Committee stated that the Committee met Monday, May 2, 2006. The AAU Grade Exception Rule was discussed at length however the Committee was informed that a conclusive decision that a Grievance Subcommittee would not be necessary until a poll of all Basketball coaches was taken. The matter would be then brought back to the Grievance Subcommittee for action. Doug Barnes, Sports Manager for Parks Department past out the survey sent to the Basketball coaches but has not been completed.
11. **Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**